IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 8, with:

Preferably, said drive assembly includes a head attached to an upper portion of said rod and via which said rod is driven, and a nut fixed to said shaft, with said nut applying a force to said compaction member to cause said compaction member to move down said shaft.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 11, with:

Preferably, said transverse portion is a plate, with said plate being provided with surfaces ~~they~~ that are engaged to cause rotation of said compaction member.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 15, with:

In this embodiment the shaft 12 is hollow and has positioned within it a nut 21. The nut 21 is fixed to the shaft 12 so as to be stationary relative thereto. The nut 21 has a threaded longitudinal passage 22 that is threadably engaged by a threaded rod ~~23~~ 41. The rod ~~23~~ 41 extends upwardly from the nut 21 through the sleeve 17 to terminate at its upper end with a drive head 23. The drive head 23 bears against a projection of the compaction part 18.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 12, with:

The drive portion 31 includes a sleeve 36 slidably mounted on the radially outer peripheral surface of the socket 34 so as to be movable relative thereto in the direction of the axis 14. The sleeve 36 has attached to it a flange 37 having a plurality of drive pins 38 that enter the apertures 26 to engage the surfaces 25. The pin 35 extends through slots 39 formed

in the sleeves 36 which slots 39 extend in the direction of the axis 14 so that the sleeve 36 is slidable in the direction of the axis 14 relative to the sleeve 36, with the sleeve 36 restricted so as to rotate with the shaft 33.